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TOP SECRET
(BONUS)

LOID'S WEEK IN FASHION

DAY 4

PUNK MUSIC IS BANNED IN OSTANIA, BUT INTEL SUGGESTS THAT THE LEADER OF AN ANTI-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION WILL BE ATTENDING AN UNDERGROUND PUNK ROCK FESTIVAL.

DAY 3

A SECRET MEETING OF POLITICIANS IS BEING HELD TODAY AT A BERLINT HOTEL. I'VE ASSEMBLED THE RIGHT LOOK FOR PLANTING LISTENING DEVICES.

DAY 2

TO SECURE A PARTICULAR PIECE OF FOOTAGE, I'M INFILTRATING A BROADCAST STUDIO AS A TELEVISION DIRECTOR. SIDE MISSIONS LIKE THIS ARE COMMONPLACE.

DAY 1

TODAY'S WORK ENSEMBLE HAS AN AUTUMNAL FLAIR. BALANCING SPY WORK AND MY HOSPITAL JOB IS ALWAYS A CHALLENGE.

DAY 7

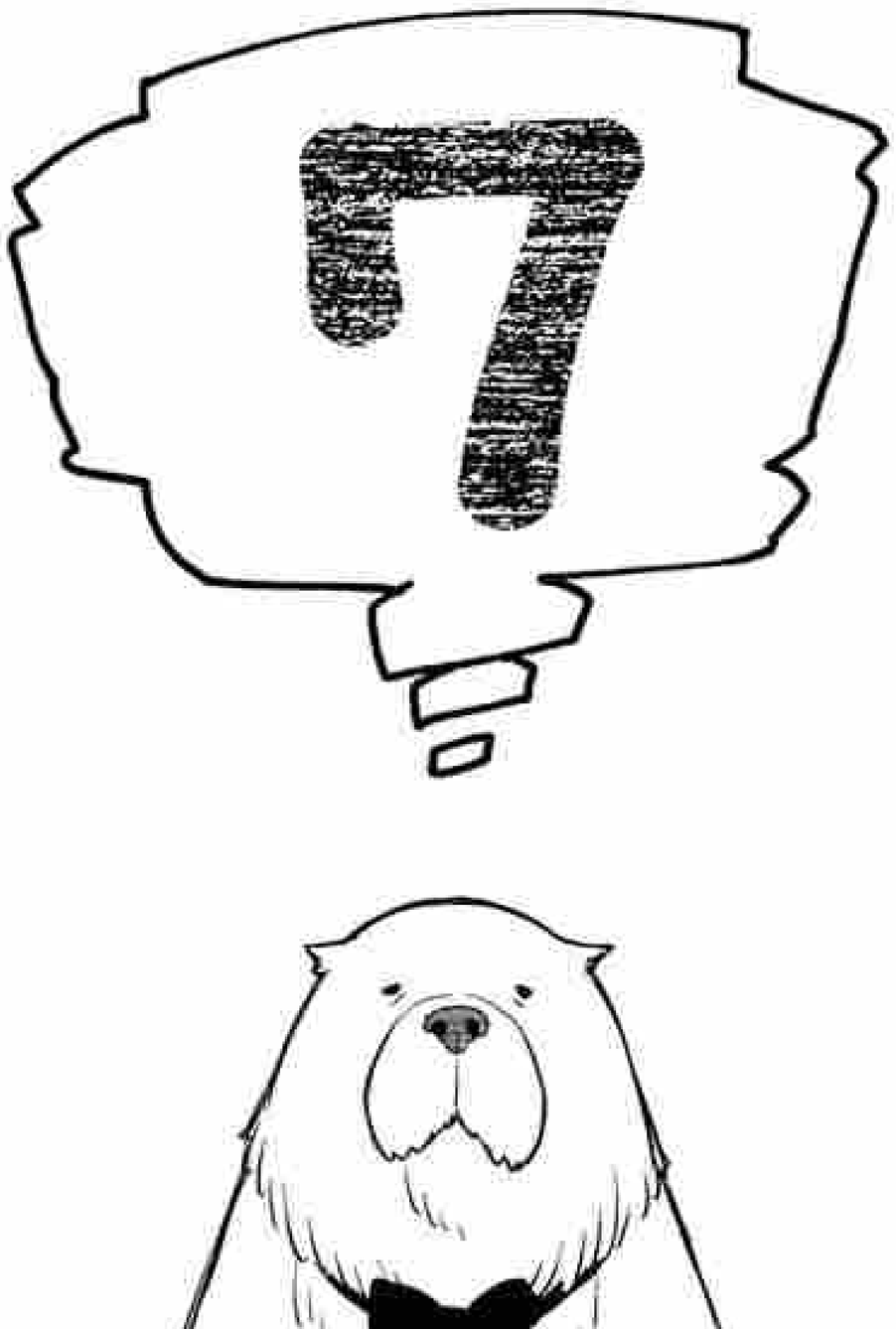
TONIGHT I'LL BE TAKING YOR TO DINNER. "LOID FORGER" NEVER TAKES A DAY OFF. REMEMBER, THIS IS ALL FOR THE SAKE OF WORLD PEACE!

DAY 6

ANYA HAS BEEN BEGGING ME TO TRY GOURMET COCOA, SO I'M VENTURING INTO THE WILDERNESS IN SEARCH OF CACAO BEANS. I'LL DO WHATEVER I MUST FOR OPERATION STRIX!

DAY 5

TODAY I'LL BE ATTENDING A GOLF TOURNAMENT FULL OF VIPS. A ROUND OF GOLF AWAY FROM THE BUSTLE OF THE CITY ACTUALLY SOUNDS PRETTY NICE... HAVE I BEEN WORKING TOO MUCH?



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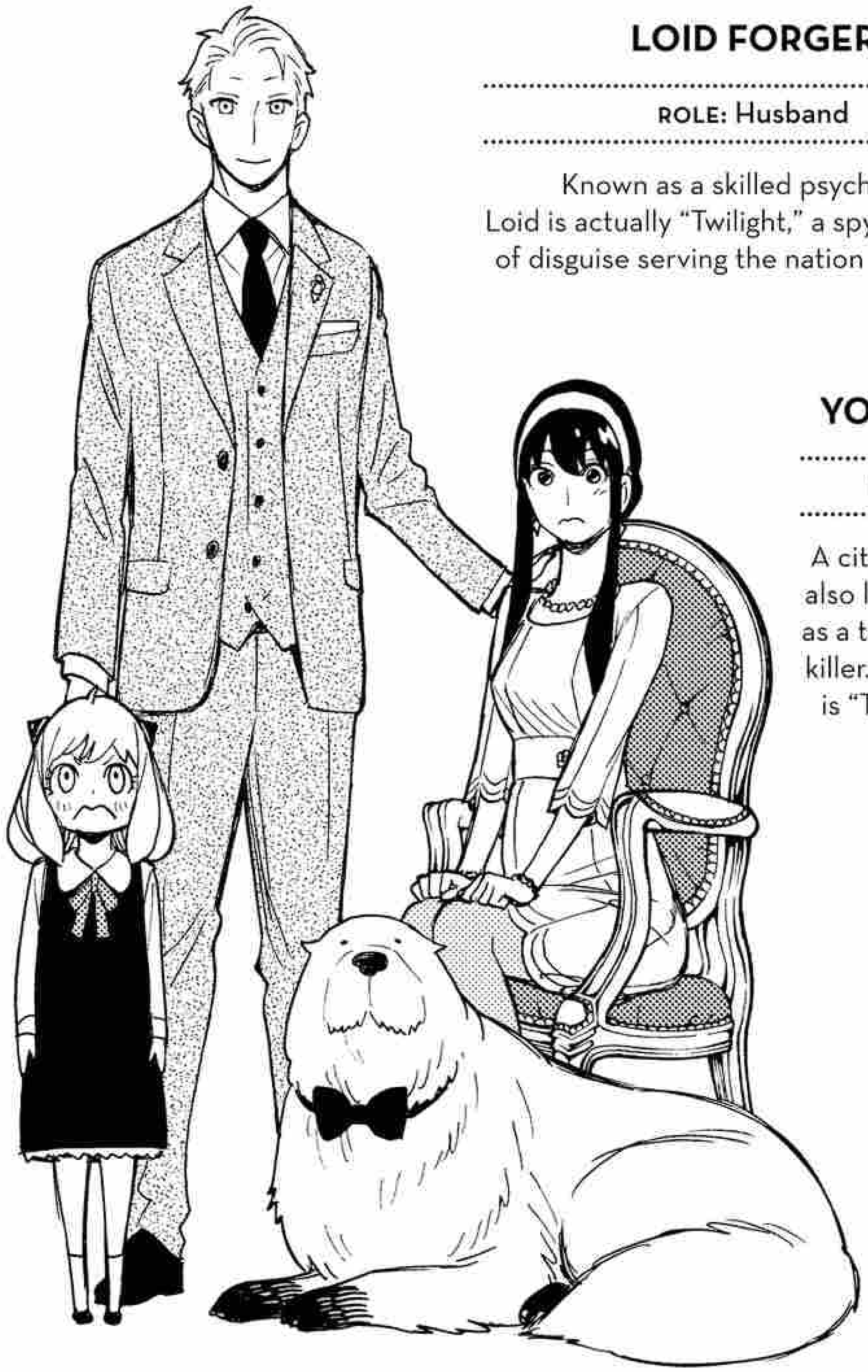


LOID FORGER

ROLE: Husband

Known as a skilled psychiatrist, Loid is actually "Twilight," a spy and master of disguise serving the nation of Westalis.

YOR FORGER

ROLE: Wife

A city hall clerk who also lives a secret life as a talented contract killer. Her code name is "Thorn Princess."

ANYA FORGER

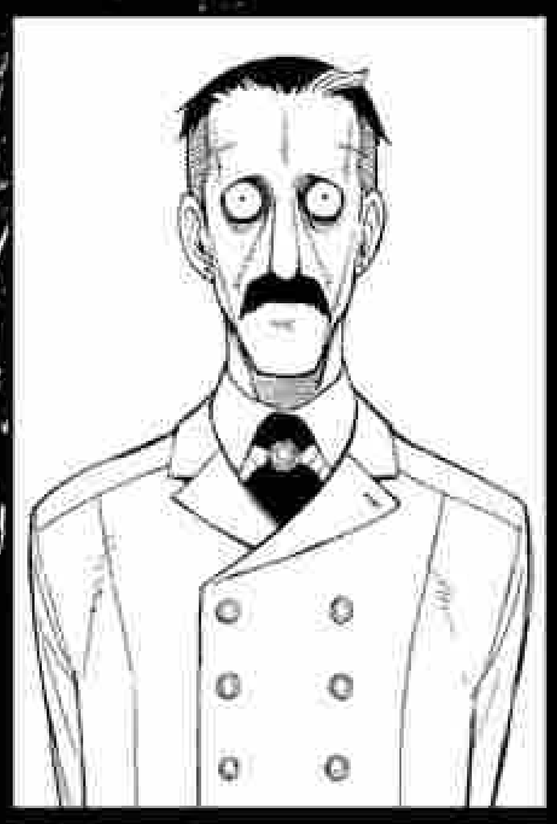
ROLE: Daughter

Anya is a first grader at the prestigious Eden Academy. A telepath whose abilities were created in an experiment conducted by a certain organization. She can read minds.

BOND FORGER

ROLE: Dog

Anya's playmate and the family guard dog. As a former military test subject, he can see the future.



MISSION

OPERATION STRIX

Spy on Donovan Desmond, a dangerous figure who threatens to disrupt peace between the East and West. Must gain entry into the prestigious Eden Academy to breach the target's inner circle.

TARGET

DONOVAN DESMOND

The focus of Operation Strix. Chairman of Ostania's National Unity Party.

KEY PEOPLE

SILVIA SHERWOOD

Handler for Westalis's intelligence agency.

FRANKY

Intelligence asset who works with Twilight.

BECKY BLACKWELL

Anya's friend.

YURI BRIAR

Yor's younger brother, a secret police officer.

DAMIAN DESMOND

Second son of Donovan Desmond.

STORY

Westalis secret agent Twilight receives orders to uncover the plans of Donovan Desmond, the warmongering chairman of Ostania's National Unity Party. To do so, Twilight must pose as Loid Forger, create a fake family, and enroll his child at the prestigious Eden Academy. However, by sheer coincidence, the daughter he selects from an orphanage is secretly a telepath! Also, the woman who agrees to be in a sham marriage with him is secretly an assassin! While concealing their true identities from one another, the three now find themselves living together as a family.

Twilight teams up with fellow agent Nightfall and the two successfully complete their mission. In seeking to claim the role of Twilight's wife for herself, Nightfall challenges Yor to a tennis match, but the agent loses decisively. Meanwhile, Eden Academy is about to hold a get-together for elite students and their parents. Can Twilight exploit a planned meeting between Donovan Desmond and his son Damian in order to get closer to his target?

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NOT TO MENTION THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL UNITY PARTY, DONOVAN DESMOND!

PROSECUTOR FARNHAM FROM THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE. THE COSMONAUT YACHAYKA.

COLONEL MCNEILL OF THE NATIONAL ARMY.

COUNCIL SECRETARY BYRON.

MISSION 38

SHOULDN'T WE BE SENDING MORE PEOPLE TO BACK UP AGENT TWILIGHT?

THIS PRIVATE SCHOOL MIXER IS A TREASURE TROVE OF INTELLIGENCE!

SENDING A BUNCH OF INCOMPETENTS TO THAT MIXER WOULD JUST BE THROWING CHUM TO THE SHARKS.

...

YOU NEED TO REMEMBER WE'RE IN ENEMY TERRITORY.

AND THAT SCHOOL...

SET FOOT IN THAT BUILDING, AND THE SSS WILL BE ALL OVER YOU IN FIVE MINUTES. THEY'LL BE INTERROGATING YOU IN AN EXAMINATION ROOM 30 MINUTES AFTER THAT.

WHY NOT HEAD DOWN AND DO IT YOURSELF?

PM

...IS THE FRONT LINE OF THIS COLD WAR.

PM

PM

PM

PM

PM

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MISSION 38

LEAZ

...LOID FORGER. I WORK AT BERLINT GENERAL HOSPITAL.

MY NAME IS...

AND AGAIN, SIR, I AM TERRIBLY SORRY ABOUT THE VIOLENCE MY DAUGHTER PERPETRATED UPON YOUR DEAR SON DAMIAN.

DONOVAN DESMOND, CHAIRMAN OF OSTANIA'S NATIONAL UNITY PARTY.

I IMAGINE IT MUST HAVE UPSET YOUR FAMILY AS MUCH AS IT DID DAMIAN HIMSELF.

BUT I'VE BEEN UNABLE TO LEARN MUCH ABOUT HIS LIFE SINCE HE DISAPPEARED FROM THE PUBLIC EYE.

SECRET

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DESMOND

I'VE SEEN ALL OF HIS TELEVISED APPEARANCES AND READ EVERYTHING WRITTEN BY OR ABOUT HIM — ANYTHING TO HELP ME PROFILE THE MAN.

...IN THIS CONVERSATION.

I NEED TO FIND OUT THAT INFORMATION...

ASK ABOUT MIXER

BEGIN WITH THOROUGH APOLOGY

DISCUSS

EXPRESS INTERES IN DESMOND PERSONALLY

ALLUDE TO "CONNECTIONS" AT HOSPITAL

SUPPORT HIS PARTY

HOSPITAL DIRECTOR

EXPRESS ANTI-WESTERN SENTIMENTS AND GAUGE REACTION

MEDICAL RECORDS OF POLITICIANS

CASUALLY DISCUSS EAST-WEST RELATIONS

ASK ABOUT PAST POLITICA

STEER CONVERSATION TO HIS INTERESTS

INSTILL FEELINGS OF GUILT ABOUT

TRADE COLLECTIONS

HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO GET CLOSE? HOW CAN I GET HIM INTERESTED IN "LOID FORGER"?

WHAT WOULD PROVOKE HIS SYMPATHY? HIS ANGER?

THE FULL PLANS FOR THE WAR HE'S PLOTTING!

AND IN TIME, EXTRACT THE MOST IMPORTANT INFORMATION OF ALL...

AH, YES. I REMEMBER YOU NOW.

AND I HOPE I MAY VISIT YOUR HOME TO MAKE A MORE FORMAL SHOW OF—

SO PLEASE ALLOW ME TO EXTEND MY MOST HEARTFELT APOLOGY.

THEN I'LL BRING A TOKEN OF OUR REGRET TO YOUR MANOR—

YOU KNEW? YOU REALLY ARE PAYING ATTENTION TO ME.

FATHER...

SORRY THAT I'VE BEEN TOO BUSY TO RESPOND PERSONALLY.

MY HOUSEHOLD STAFF TOLD ME WHAT HAPPENED.

BEEBAAM

NAH, IT'S FINE.

AND YOU SAY THAT'S FINE?!

SHE LAID HANDS ON A DESMOND!

FATHER!

JUST A LITTLE SPAT AMONG KIDS, RIGHT?

THAT'S TRUE, BUT—

...

THAT'S SOMETHING I NEED TO MAKE AMENDS FOR!

WHATEVER THE CIRCUM-STANCES, MY CHILD PHYSICALLY ASSAULTED HIM.

YOUR SON IS RIGHT, SIR.

IF I PUSH HARDER, IT WILL ONLY AROUSE HIS SUSPICIONS. MY PLANS ARE HANGING IN THE BALANCE HERE. I NEED TO PROCEED CAREFULLY.

F-FATHER ...

HE'S BLOWING ME OFF, HUH?

THAT'S VERY MAGNANI-MOUS OF YOU, SIR. THANK YOU.

BEAM

IT'S FINE.

I APPRECIATE THE THOUGHT, THOUGH.

I WAS TOTALLY HUMILIATED.

MY WHOLE FACE WAS SWOLLEN!

SO HE REALLY DOESN'T CARE ABOUT ME AT ALL?

WHY DON'T YOU CARE?

YOU SHOULD BE ANGRY FOR ME!

BUT STILL, YOU...

Fwaa...

SIII

NEVER MIND ...

IT'S NOTHING.

SIIIIGGGHHH...

...

TWITCH

...

I'M SORRY.

WE'LL MAKE SURE NOTHING LIKE THAT EVER HAPPENS AGAIN.

YOU HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO BE ANGRY, DAMIAN.

BEAM

BUT TO BE HONEST ...

MAN, POPS HAS IT ROUGH...

AIIH

...ANYA'S BEHAVIOR IS SO BIZARRE THAT I JUST DON'T KNOW HOW TO HANDLE HER SOMETIMES.

BUT I'VE BECOME PAINFULLY AWARE OF MY LIMITATIONS WHEN IT COMES TO MANAGING THE BEHAVIOR OF CHILDREN.

OF COURSE, I UNDERSTAND THAT I'M RESPONSIBLE FOR HER.

YOU CAN'T JUST ASSUME THAT BECAUSE THEY'RE YOUR CHILD, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO CONTROL THEM, YOU KNOW?

THAT'S ONLY GOING TO END IN DISAPPOINT-MENT FOR EVERYONE.

YOU'RE RIGHT ABOUT THAT.

RAISING KIDS SURE IS A CHALLENGE, HUH?

IN THE END...

...PEOPLE WILL NEVER TRULY BE SYMPATHETIC WITH EACH OTHER.

IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO UNDER-STAND STRANGERS.

OUR CHILDREN MAY SHARE OUR BLOOD, BUT THEY AREN'T US. THEY'RE ESSENTIALLY STRANGERS.

HAVE I UNCOVERED A CORE BELIEF, DESMOND?

IS THAT WHY YOU SEEK TO CONTROL OTHER NATIONS WITH THREATS OF MILITARY FORCE?

PER

K

YOU COULD NOT BE MORE RIGHT ABOUT THAT!

...

HE'S NOT WRONG.

THE IDEA THAT PEOPLE CAN REACH A MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING JUST BY TALKING TO EACH OTHER IS IDEALISTIC, AT BEST.

IT MAY BE ARROGANT TO THINK THAT WE CAN UNDERSTAND OTHERS AT ALL.

NEVERTHELESS...

...I WONDER IF I'M ABLE TO UNDERSTAND EVEN 10 PERCENT OF WHAT GOES ON INSIDE MY PATIENTS' MINDS.

I'M A PSYCHIATRIST, BUT SOMETIMES ...

BUT BY ACKNOW-LEDGING HER, EVEN WHEN I DON'T UNDERSTAND, I CAN AT LEAST CREATE AN OPPORTU-NITY FOR DIALOGUE.

VERY LITTLE OF WHAT MY DAUGHTER SAYS AND DOES MAKES ANY SENSE TO ME.

I'm gonna go stage a **coupon** the candy shop.

Er... Good luck?

WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS MEETING THEM IN THE MIDDLE, IN SPITE OF THAT.

I AM A SPY, AFTER ALL.

TMP

SOMETIMES THAT WORKS OUT, AND SOMETIMES NOT.

...I WILL NEVER STOP SEEKING TO UNDERSTAND OTHERS.

...THAT'S WHY YOU TOOK THE TIME OUT OF YOUR BUSY SCHEDULE TO MEET WITH YOUR SON TODAY.

PAT

AND I IMAGINE, MR. CHAIRMAN...

I SUPPOSE YOU COULD SAY THAT.

HM.

DID YOU GET A CHANCE TO SEE IT, SIR?

I DID NOT.

AH, THAT'S A SHAME.

WHAT?

ANYA'S TOLD ME.

AND I KNOW HOW MUCH RESPECT YOU HAVE FOR YOUR FATHER.

ANYA SAID THAT?

LIE

ANYA WAS QUITE MOVED BY YOUR PRESENTATION. IT WAS ALL SHE COULD TALK ABOUT WHEN SHE GOT HOME.

REMEMBER THAT SOCIAL STUDIES PROJECT ON JOB OCCUPA-TIONS?

...

IS THAT RIGHT?

What a wise and devoted young man he is!

...BUT I'M TOUCHED BY THE RESPECT AND KNOWLEDGE YOUR SON HOLDS FOR YOUR WORK AS PARTY CHAIRMAN.

I ONLY HEARD ABOUT IT THROUGH MY DAUGHTER ...

HE SNUCK A PEEK AT SCHOOL.

WELL, IT'S CERTAINLY MADE ME WANT TO GIVE IT ANOTHER LOOK.

BUT HEARING ABOUT THE PASSION WITH WHICH YOU LOOK OUT FOR OUR NATION'S INTERESTS...

I MUST ADMIT THAT I'VE HAD SOME CONCERNS ABOUT THE NATIONAL UNITY PARTY'S PLATFORM.

SERIOUSLY, MISTER, THAT'S ENOUGH.

Just stop.

?

AH HA HA! SORRY!

HA HA! AM I PERHAPS TOO EASILY INFLENCED?

BUT HONESTLY, IT WAS THAT IMPRESSIVE OF A REPORT.

MAYBE I SHOULD ATTEND ONE OF THE PARTY'S SEMINARS OR SOME-THING?

YOUR NAME'S... FORGER, CORRECT?

MY, AREN'T YOU THE INTERESTING FELLOW.

I HAVE ENJOYED THIS, MR. FORGER.

INDEED.

CAN I ASK YOU NOT TO MENTION TO ANYA THAT WE TALKED? SHE'S AT AN AWKWARD STAGE.

TMP

OH, ONE MORE THING.

NOT TO MENTION GETTING TO MEMORIZE THE FACES AND FEATURES OF HIS SECURITY TEAM.

FOR NOW, I'LL CHALK UP THE FACT THAT HE'S LEARNED MY NAME AS A VICTORY.

THAT'LL DO.

THANK YOU FOR SHARING SO MUCH OF YOUR VALUABLE TIME WITH ME, SIR.

HUH?!

IT'S NOT LIKE... I HATE HER...

I'D BE MUCH OBLIGED IF YOU WOULD TRY TO GET ALONG WITH HER.

YOU MUST THINK SHE HATES YOU, BUT I SUSPECT THAT'S NOT THE CASE.

TO BE YOUR FRIEND!

...

VERY WELL. WE'LL WORK HARD TO RAISE OUR STANDING.

Ha ha!

Just go away!

Leave me alone!

LOOK, I'M NOT GONNA HANG OUT WITH SOME PEASANT GIRL!

TMP

TMP

TMP

TMP

TMP

HAVE A LOVELY AFTER-NOON.

UM ...

OH ...

WHAT DID YOU WANT FROM ME?

NOW, THEN.

NOTHING REALLY...

CLENCH

...

I don't really know if my papa likes me or not, so I'm a little scared too.

But ...

I am going to summon all my courage to tell him I failed!

BA-DMP

IF THAT'S THE CASE, I'LL BE ON MY WAY.

BA-DMP

What's important is meeting them in the middle, in spite of that.

...

FATHER!

TMP

I KNOW.

MR. CHAIRMAN, WE NEED TO BE...

...I EARNED A STELLA STAR!

ON THE MID-TERM EXAM ...

AND ALSO... UM...

MUMBLE MUMBLE

OH, BUT THEN I GOT A 50 ON MY READING TEST...

I WAS PRETTY CLOSE IN OTHER SUBJECTS TOO.

...THE GRIFFON I MADE IN ART CLASS WON FIRST PRIZE.

AND ALSO ...

I KNOW IT'S ONLY ONE, BUT...

MUMBLE

IS THAT SO? GOOD FOR YOU.

DAMIAN ...

THINK NOTH-ING OF IT.

IT WAS JUST A WHIM.

...

WHY DID YOU AGREE TO SEE ME TO—

FATHER ...

CONTINUE STRIVING NOT TO BESMIRCH THE DESMOND NAME.

YES, SIR!

...BUT NOW I HAVE A SENSE OF HOW DISTANT HE IS WITH HIS CHILDREN.

NO INTEL WORTH ANYTHING THERE...

"THEN THERE'S THE MAN HIMSELF!

AND THE CLOSER HE AND DAMIAN BECOME, THE BETTER THE ODDS OF SUCCESS FOR OUR PLAN B.

I'D BETTER TAKE WHAT I'VE LEARNED TO HQ FOR ANALYSIS.

TMP

LAYING CAREFUL GROUNDWORK SEEMS LIKE THE BEST STRATEGY.

Tailing him would be far too risky.

AS INSCRU-TABLE A PERSON AS I'VE EVER MET.

DONOVAN DESMOND.

CHAK

I'M HOME.

WELCOME BACK, LOID.

ZZZZZZ

NOT A CARE IN THE WORLD, THAT ONE.

AND AS USUAL, I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT SHE'S BABBLING ABOUT.

...

Special delivery!

SHE WAS ALREADY ASLEEP WHEN SHE ARRIVED HOME AND HASN'T WOKEN UP SINCE.

MUTTER

PAPA, WAIT! WE'LL FIGHT THE SUPERBOSS TOGETHER...

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